

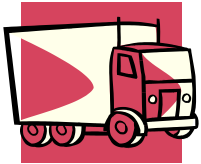


THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

Shipment 1

August 2013



NEW DELIVERY COMPANY

R & K Trucking Company of Montana Inc. has won the contract to deliver the USDA Foods for school year 2014. R & K Trucking is a family owned company located in Helena. They have already begun working with us to learn the delivery process and delivered the USDA Foods to the summer sponsors for the Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP).

They will be calling you to let you know when they plan to deliver your shipment. Delivering the USDA Foods is new to them so please be patient as they set up and learn their routes.

The delivery fees for SY2014 will be \$3.65 per case for shipping, \$1.25 per case for handling plus a fuel surcharge that will be calculated using the cost of diesel fuel at the time of delivery. These fees are paid by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), School Nutrition Programs for schools using the state matching funds. Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and Private Schools will be billed for the shipping and handling fees after the final shipment for school year 2014 has been delivered.

AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

The following foods are still available for shipment on Shipment #1:

Veg Oil \$31.65
Peanut Butter \$32.18
Rice \$26.82
Rotini \$ 9.27 (also shipping on Shipment #3)



If you would like any of these products added to your first delivery please email your request to juwilson@mt.gov. Be sure to specify the number of cases of the product you want. Your remaining

entitlement balances are not available at this time but don't let that stop you from ordering product that you can use. Updates will be made at a later date. The deadline for additional product delivered on this shipment is **August 9, 2013**.

The following products are available for adding to Shipment #2:

Blueberries \$42.57
Cheese, Cheddar Yellow \$65.09
Cheese, Mozzarella Lite \$66.14
Ham \$56.08

The deadline for requesting these products is **August 28, 2013**.

USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY

Be sure to review the USDA Foods Delivery Policy so you are familiar with the guidelines for receiving your USDA Foods. The delivery policy can be found at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/FDCP/09DeliveryPolicy.pdf>.

It is important to receive only the USDA Foods that are on your bill of lading. **Do Not** accept anything additional without contacting the OPI School Nutrition Programs office first. Whenever you accept something that is not on your bill of lading, another district will be short that item(s).

SUMMER INVENTORY

As you prepare for the start of the 2014 school year it is a good idea to check any inventory remaining from the previous year. Be sure to use foods that were stored over the summer during the first few months of school. Foods are best if served at their freshest.



The USDA offers a *Best If Used by Guidance Inventory Control in Schools* fact sheet that is available on the OPI USDA Foods web-site at: http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.

Should you have USDA Foods that you are unsure about, contact your local sanitarian. The OPI Foods Distribution office must be contacted prior to the destruction of any USDA Foods. The USDA Foods (Commodity) Loss Report can be found at: http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.

2014 USDA FOODS PER MEAL VALUE

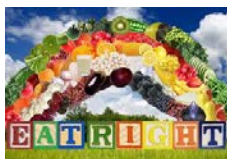
The USDA released the per meal value for USDA Foods for school year 2014 in July. The rate, an increase of half of one cent from school year 2013, is 23.25 cents per meal. This rate is effective for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

To calculate your entitlement for school year 2014 take this rate times the total number of meals served during the 2013 school year.

If you have questions regarding the 2014 per meal value contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415 or by e-mail at juwilson@mt.gov.

DoD FRESH PROGRAM

The DoD Fresh entitlement amount for school year 2014 has been increased by \$50,000 bringing the total entitlement allocated to participating sponsors to \$500,000. If you signed up to participate in the DoD Fresh program for school year 2014, you should have received your allocation notice in the mail.



Remember the DoD Fresh program entitlement is not carried over from year to year. Any dollars not spent at the end of each school year are lost. Be sure to use your entitlement throughout the year.

HEALTHIERUS SCHOOL CHALLENGE AWARD WINNERS

Twenty school districts had schools participate and win awards in the HealthierUS School Challenge during school year 2013. For a list of 2013 winning schools

along with previous year's winners go to http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_6.

The HealthierUS School Challenge is a voluntary certification initiative that has recognized thousands of schools for their efforts in improving food and beverage offerings, teaching kids about nutritious food choices and being physically active, providing opportunities for physical activity, and having supportive school wellness policies.

As well as national recognition, winners receive monetary awards for their efforts. If you are interested in learning how your school can become a HealthierUS Challenge winner, visit the web-site listed above or contact Molly Stenberg at the Team Nutrition office in Bozeman. Molly can be reached at (406) 994-7217 or by e-mail at stenberg@montana.edu.

2013 CERTIFICATION COMPLETE

2013 was a busy year for the OPI School Nutrition specialists, Teresa Motlas, Emily Dunklee and Tara Ray as they travelled the state providing certification trainings to all schools to help everyone complete the intensive certification process.

School Nutrition Programs staff appreciates everyone's hard work and dedication in providing healthy school breakfasts and lunches to Montana children.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



WELCOME BACK!